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The Belated Program of Reform in
Mexico.

The resignation of the Mexican
cabinet is the most important change
in the government of Mexico which
has taken place since General Porfirio
Diaz became the ruler of that
country more than a quarter of a
century ago.

This radical move is, of course, not
a concession to the insurgents in
the field, but a concession to public
sentiment in the republic. While the
number of rebels under arms is comparatively small, the number of insurrectionary sympathizers is very large. In the judgment of the best posted observers, a great majority of the people of Mexico are in sympathy with the spirit of the insurrection, if not with the acts of the insurgents. There is a widespread demand for reforms and a "change."

The reasons for this feeling are many. While promoting the education of his people, President Diaz has not provided outlets for the activities of an educated people so far as their government is concerned. Although the government has been a benevolent despotism, it has remained the same despotic government that was given to Mexico at the beginning of the Diaz rule. There has been practically no recognition of the great changes which have come over public thought—changes which have affected Mexico as well as every other civilized nation. The movement of the whole world, Mexico included, is toward a closer control of government by the people—toward the realization of democratic government. The spirit of this movement has not been strongly manifest in Mexico, perhaps—certainly it has not been recognized until now by the Diaz government—but it has reached the Mexican people, nevertheless.

In our own blessed land the streams of revolution flow easily and peacefully, because nobody tries by force to dam them up. Absolute freedom of the press, and absolute freedom of private and public speech, afford abundant outlets for every popular emotion. Questions of the utmost gravity are passed upon at the polls, and the verdict of the majority is accepted by everybody until there can be another peaceable expression at the polls. In Mexico and in every other country in which there is not freedom of speech and freedom of the press and freedom of public assembly, the efforts to stem the tide of evolution and to dam the streams of peaceful revolution lead to civil war or to a spirit which is ever ripe for civil war.

Specifically, there have been many grounds of complaint in Mexico. The public domain has not been used for the creation of homes for the people, but has been used in perpetuating such a feudal system as prevailed in Europe centuries ago—it is a country of great haciendas and to some extent of absentee landlords—although in the main the hacienda system means a resident owner who has under his control a group of peons who work his property and get nothing in return beyond a mere living. The younger generation of educated men have found little encouragement in their natural desires to participate in the affairs of government. General Diaz, upon his accession to the presidency, surrounded himself with the strong men who had stood with him in his insurrection against President Juarez. These men he appointed to places in his cabinet and to rule the states as governors. They have grown old with him. Quite naturally, he preferred their company and their counsel. He did not realize until recently that these officials, old like himself, were no longer in touch with the sentiment of modern Mexico. The country had prospered beyond his own most sanguine dreams, and he and his counselors had lifted the republic to a plane of high standing among the nations of the world—why shouldn't everybody be satisfied? was his reasoning.

But the insurrection has opened the eyes of the great and aged states-

man to changes in public sentiment which he had not suspected. That he has undertaken to meet the new situation by releasing his old comrades from office and calling to his side the younger men of the republic, is one more proof of his exalted statesmanship—it is evident that he will be a great man until the very last.

It is to be doubted, of course, whether the concessions and reforms now under consideration will come in time to save the country from the indescribable evils of a great civil war. It is to be feared that this recognition of the spirit of modern democracy comes too late. The president announced the other day that he proposes sweeping reforms in the land system. He proposes that the big haciendas shall be subdivided into small farms and sold to the people on easy terms, and he thinks he can have the co-operation of the landlords, because, as he says, most of them are getting little revenue from their holdings, and it is to their interest to convert their property into cash—which they can do by taking government securities for the purchase price of their property. The president also proposes reforms in the electoral system. The governors of the states, instead of being appointed from the federal capital, are to be elected by the people.

If the people had been permitted a free choice in the presidential election of last year, if Francisco Madero had been permitted to run his course as a candidate for president instead of being thrown into jail, and if there had been an authorized statement of the reforms now proposed, there would have been no insurrection. A few weeks will develop whether reform has begun too late.

Ruef and the Recall.
Of all the "lessons" which the press of the country has found in the landing of Abe Ruef in the penitentiary of California, one of the most far-fetched conclusions of all, it seems to us, is found in the opinion expressed by "Puck," the humorous weekly, to the effect that the developments in the Ruef case furnish excellent arguments in favor of the Arizona provision for the recall of the judiciary. "Puck" is generally serious in its (or is it his?) editorial columns, so we may dismiss the suggestion that humor is intended in advancing the argument that the Ruef case contains reasons for the judiciary recall.

Along with his ownership of the mayor and the city government, and the board of supervisors and the county government, Ruef, it is well known, owned some of the judges, but not all. Commenting upon these facts, "Puck" says:
"If a boss could own the courts of San Francisco, a boss could just as well own the courts of Arizona, and we don't think the props of the republic would be in any grave danger if provision were made to prevent him."

Our humorous contemporary betrays an excusable ignorance of Arizona. There is not the slightest danger that any boss could control the people of this state. Possibly a corrupt judge may be elected some time, but with proper provision in the laws for his speedy impeachment, there is no need of the recall.

And, at any rate, the thing we are most interested in is the lamentable fact that by insisting upon the judiciary recall the "props" have been knocked from under statehood. Statehood once obtained, the people could, if they found it necessary, adopt a constitutional amendment providing for the recall. A great many intelligent people have failed to understand that the constitution provides for its amendment by a mere majority vote. The refusal to wait until after statehood is obtained before taking up new experiments in government shows that the folks who insist that every "reform" must be adopted now are the folks who are afraid to trust the people in the future. In short, the whole program of mistakes for which a few office-seeking politicians are responsible has been a case of putting the cart before the horse. Statehood should have been the first goal.

Nor does "Puck" exhibit a better knowledge of the conditions which prevailed in San Francisco under the Ruef regime. As a matter of fact, if the recall had been in force under the reign of Ruef, the two judges who stood courageously for the enforcement of the laws would have been recalled at Ruef's command, for the people of San Francisco were on the side of Ruef. Ruef did try to "recall" Langdon, the prosecuting attorney. At his order, the board of supervisors, after the indictment of Ruef, "removed" Langdon and appointed Ruef to be district attorney—to prosecute himself! And the people of San Francisco laughed and thought it was a "cute move" on the part of Ruef. It was only when an honest judiciary set aside the action of the supervisors that Ruef was brought to trial. Never at any time during the graft prosecutions conducted by Heney and Langdon was it apparent that there was a majority

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of the people against Ruef. On the contrary, at election after election Ruef and his gang won at the polls. And the city government of San Francisco of today was elected by the old Ruef machine. At the election which placed McCarthy in the office of mayor, Frank Heney was overwhelmingly defeated for prosecuting attorney.

The judiciary recall, if it had been in force in San Francisco, would have resulted in the defeat of justice, and would have enabled Ruef to escape the prison sentence he is now serving.

There is a popular notion that the "military" should not be permitted to mix in politics in this country. Arizona has an adjutant general who holds office by grace of the governor, and who is just now making himself quite prominent in boosting the game of a professional politician who in turn is making himself infamous by daily and lying attacks upon the governor (the governor's administration sometime ago withdrew some official advertising from the aforesaid politician's newspaper). People possessed of the ordinary conceptions of good taste are likely to think that the adjutant general would prefer to resign his commission before joining the little coterie of the governor's enemies.

LITTLE JAMES

(Concerning the Withdrawal of the
World's Money From Its Regular Channels.)

I see by the Papers 'at Wall Street is aforesaid another Panmick an' 'at Business is in a State of Staggeration. Wun Speckylater he ast, another what he 'thot was th' Cox 'at Prices had Run Down so low on Stox an' 'at they wasn't Nothin' Doin'. Th' other Speckylater he sez 'Th' Trouble is 'at they aint no Money; 'at they's been a Unpresydened Movement of Fun's to th' Interior when it ort to be comin' th' Other way. I want account fer it. It aint th' Rite Time of Year fer Money to be leavin on its Annial Vacation fer th' Interior. They aint no Crop Movement in Progrous nowhere or anything else 'at makes no Demand on th' Money which we ort to have to Speckylate with. Them Ruobs in th' Interior haint got no use fer it an' I can't imagine what in th' World they want of it at this Inmportent Season of th' Year."

They ast another Speckylater if he knoze what was th' cos of th' Flite of Money away from th' Marts of Trade list at th' time when it was th' most Needed an' he sez he didn't but he sez:

"Le's ast J. Peerpont Morgan; he knoze all they is to be Knoze about Money. We'll git him to Diagnose this here Unthelthy Symptoms of th' Money Market."

Mister Morgan he was in London an' th' Speckylaters had to send him a Cablegraff sayin': "All th' Money's Leavin' Noo York fer Goldknozes where, rapit the gold' west. Sitewashun Seryous an' gittin' More Seryouser. What's th' Cox of this heer Unseasonable Movement an' what shall we do. Please Answer by return Cable."

Mister Morgan he replice at wunst as follers: "Same Strange Condisiuns is bein' Experienced Here Bank of England's Depleted. Got word from Impirey Bank of Germany 'at their Puns is most Gone. Jist heard from Parris 'at they're about to Clothes th' Boorse. All th' Money's Goin' Somers in Amerrikay an' I've jist found outwast its bein' Conjested in Feenix, Arizona. I made Diligent Inkwiry an' I've Lernt 'at its bein' Withdrawn from Circylashun an' C'lected in Feenix fer to pay th' Xpenses of th' Statehood Cominity to Washington. You needn't be Alarmed now. It's only fer a Week or 2. It'll soon begin to be Restored to th' Orteries of Finants agin as soon as th' Cominity Hits Washington. Thanks to th' Cost of Hi Livin' they aint no Man or any Grupe of Three Men 'at kin keep th' World's Money Supply Kerrelled fer very long at a Time."

LITTLE JAMES.

BOILED CUSTARD.

Put two cups of milk and the thin rind of half a lemon into a saucepan. Let it simmer until the milk is nicely flavored with the lemon. Beat four eggs with one tablespoon of sugar. Mix one tablespoon of flour in a little cold milk and add it to the eggs. Pour in the milk, stir well and strain the whole into a buttered bowl just large enough to hold it. Tie a floured cloth over the top and plunge the bowl into boiling water. Turn it about for a few minutes to prevent the flour settling on the bottom. Boil gently for an hour and serve with stewed fruit.

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He vowed that not only he'd ne'er had a taste
Of quivering lips, but that no other
Had ever been clasped by his arm.
Then in haste
His two fingers he crossed!

The sparkler he gave her he'd purchased that day
But his fingers were crossed!
No previous maiden had worn it—nay nay!
But his fingers were crossed!
And never, so long as his life should endure,
Would eye, cheek, or lip of another maid lure,
He knew it,—past every doubt he was sure—
But his fingers were crossed!

She listened to all the guff he had said
While his fingers were crossed!
She laid on his bosom her wise little head
While his fingers were crossed!
She answered so low that the famed "little bird"
Who peddles sweet secrets could scarcely have heard
As she breathed, "Oh, my love, I believe every word!"
But her fingers were crossed!
—Strickland-Gilliam, in Puck.

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